

# Quote

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## MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] ADLAI STEVENSON, Democrat leader, on forthcoming 4-power mtg: "If we the people are uncompromising . . . if we think war is inevitable, if we regard every Soviet proposal as a trick and a trap . . . then we the people will have ruled out bargaining." . . .

[2] JOHN FOSTER DULLES, Sec'y of State: "The Soviet rulers refer to the forthcoming mtg as designed to 'relax' internat'l tensions. . . I am doubtful about the 'relaxing' part of the Soviet formula. . . I believe we shall need for some time yet to live as a nat'n that is imperiled." . . .

[3] GARDNER COWLES, newspaper and mag publisher: "If we become increasingly the only fat duck in a hungry world—look out! This imbalance will surely destroy peace." . . .

[4] Maj-Gen LEWIS B. HERSHEY, Selective Service director, speaking of exemption problems: "If we decide in Washington that a certain man is not a minister of the gospel, when he says he is, then we are denying to a segment of the population the right to worship as

### Quote of the Week

Pres DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, outlining plan to offer nuclear reactors to free nat'ns: "I still hope earnestly that the Soviet Union may join in an internat'l effort to harness the atom for man's good. But I have such unlimited confidence in the creativeness of free minds and in the capacity of free men that I know we will, with or without the Soviets, achieve a more abundant life for those who join together in this venture."

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they choose. Jesus Himself couldn't have gotten a deferment as a minister under some standards. He was engaged in secular employment—He was a carpenter." . . . [5] WEN MING-CHU, Formosan visiting rural Wis., surprised at how hard American farmers toil: "American farmers do not work 8 hrs, play 8 hrs, and sleep 8 hrs, as I was told in Formosa; they work 16 hrs and dream 8 hrs more of work in their sleep, so there are 24 hrs of work on a dairy farm."

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*Charles H. Fisher, Jr.*



#### AGE—1

An elderly lady once called her physician. After recounting the catalog of her ills, she was met by the exclamation: "What would you have me do, Madam? I have done all in my power. I cannot make you young again." "I know that too well, doctor, but I thought you might help me to grow a little older."—Rev P J THATCHER, *Megiddo Message*.

#### AUTOMATION—2

After all, we have not allowed radio, TV or aviation to run hog wild: we have set up licensing procedures and regulatory boards. We can't allow automatization to run hog wild either. There can be no such thing as completely uninterrupted free enterprise in these fields—history makes it clear that such forces will be regulated. Some form of gov't inspection and licensing will be req'd eventually, regardless of which party is in power.—Prof NORBERT WIENER, *Atlantic*.

Maxwell Droke is in Europe. His departments, *The Moving Finger* and *Of All Things*, will be resumed upon his return about the middle of July.

#### BOOKS—3

Today there are books which are a part of my life that I might never have read if I had not stolen from the night. I know healthy men who have convinced themselves they cannot do with less than a precisely stipulated number of hrs of sleep every night. One acquaintance "simply has to have" 12 hrs. As far as I know, so does a turnip. And since this acquaintance never finds time to read anything and neither does the turnip, I sometimes think of them as having a sort of kinship.—VICTOR P HASS, Book Review Editor, *Omaha World-Herald*.



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#### CHANGE—4

Most of us go thru life with a tankful of gas (acquired as) teenagers—low-octane ideas unchecked since we 1st let the clutch out. A big house is better than a small house, a big salary is better than a small one, any husband is better than no husband, retirement is better than working. . .

We tend to follow Newton's law of inertia, "Every body continues in its state of rest, or of uniform motion in a straight line, unless compelled by external force to change that state". . . Change the "every body" to "everybody" and this natural law applies to human behavior. All the external force a lot of us need to change our state for the better is to take a few min's to think things over without kidding ourselves.—ROB'T THOS ALLEN, *Time for Everything* (Crowell).

#### COMICS—5

At the Senate comic-book hearings, a publisher was shown one of his covers. It showed a man holding a bloody ax in one hand and a woman's head in the other.

"Is this good taste?" a senator asked.

"Yes," the publisher repl'd. "It would be bad taste if he were holding the head a little higher so that you could see the blood dripping."—WM M HEALY, *Sign*.

#### CRITICISM—6

Nothing can be more harmful, nothing so hinder individual progress, nothing so trammel and subvert the cause of democracy and brotherhood, as personal criticisms of individuals. — Editorial, *New Outlook*.

#### Sign Samplings

A notice on the cash register of a Rosemount (Minn) hotel:

*"Don't smoke in bed. The ashes that fall on the floor may be your own."*

The poster outside a Miami (Fla) travel bureau:

*"Come to Scandinavia Where There's a Fjord in Your Future."*

The window placard of over-eager Nashville (Tenn) furniture retail store:

*"Bedroom Problems Solved Here—We Stand Behind Our Beds."*

Lettering on a jeep assigned to a Catholic chaplain in Korea:  
*"Bringing Up Father."* 7

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#### DEMOCRACY—8

Democracy, more than any other system, requires and makes room for man's highest motive. And the motive of love provides democracy with its most creative element.—SAM'L ENOCH STUMPF, *A Democratic Manifesto* (Vanderbilt Univ Press).

#### DRINK—Drinking—9

Half of all arrests reported to the FBI in '54 were related to drinking. Out of 1,688,555 total arrests reported from 1,389 cities, 59.2% were for the offenses of drunkenness, disorderly conduct, driving while intoxicated, and liquor law violations. Drinking drivers caused 22% of all traffic accidents, and in fatal accidents, one out of 5 drivers had been drinking, and one out of 4 pedestrians were "under the influence." — *Uniform Crime Report*, FBI release.

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With the tourist season moving into full volume in Washington, Capitol restaurants have stepped up the amount of bean soup prepared daily. It's always a major attraction for out-of-towners, many of whom probably don't know the reason a law was passed requiring it to be served daily in the U S House restaurant. The late House Speaker Joe Cannon, who loved bean soup, walked into the restaurant one day in 1904 and found it wasn't on the menu. "Thunderation!" he shouted and went upstairs to the House chbr. Within a very short time, he had railroaded a resolution thru forcing the soup to be served daily without fail.

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Rep Glenn R Davis (R-Wis) reports he has fallen in the eyes of his children. "They don't think much of me as a Congressman," says Davis. "They tell me Davy Crockett 'fixed up the gov't and passed all the laws 125 yrs ago!'"

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The cost of upkeep at the White House is stiff. The monthly electric bill, for instance, runs about \$2,500—or \$30,000 a yr. A domestic staff of 34 is required for various housekeeping chores. But in considering these figures, take into account that 826,543 people visited the White House last yr and that there is a huge amount of required entertaining in the place.

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#### EDUCATION—10

I am like a teacher who enjoys hearing your ideas, who enjoys telling you his own, but has no plan to make you think as he does. If you think as he does that may please him; but if you do not, the honesty of your thought will please him just as much. That is just the difference between education and indoctrination. — ALAN PATON, *The Land and People of South Africa* (Lippincott).

#### ENTERPRISE—11

A fellow we know placed a situation wanted ad reading: "Man with brains, wants soft job, large salary." He got half a doz replies, all from job seekers, offering him standard employment agency commissions on any leads he turned down!—*Tide*.

#### FAMILY LIFE—12

A good family circle is best maintained by permitting mbrs occasionally to take to their corners. —MARCELENE COX, *Ladies' Home Jnl*.

#### FEAR—13

Fear is an emotion. Emotions come wholly from within, and have only the strength we allow them. As human beings, we enjoy the possession of an intellect, and it is the intellect, not the emotions, that must be the supreme guiding force of our lives if we are to know any measure of happiness here.—JOHN M WILSON, V-Pres in Charge of Sales, Nat'l Cash Register Co, "Fear," *Salesman's Opportunity*, 6-'55.

#### FREEDOM—14

Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must undergo the fatigues of starting it.—*Indiana Teacher*.

#### GOAL—15

He who chooses the beginning of a road, chooses its destination.—*Employment Counselor*, Nat'l Ass'n of Personnel Consultants.

#### HOME—16

The foundations of civilization are no stronger and no more enduring than the corporate integrity of the homes on which they rest. If the home deteriorates, civilization will crumble and fall.—BILLY GRAHAM, "Juvenile Delinquency and its Cure," *American Mercury*, 6-'55.

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The home is the key to any program to prevent or correct juvenile delinquency.—BENJ FINE, *1,000,000 Delinquents* (World).

#### INCOME—17

The average city family's income in '55 is \$6,393. The average income of American families, farm and non-farm is \$5,330.—*Phi Delta Kappan*.

#### JUVENILE DELINQUENCY—18

The degree of responsibility on the part of parents for the delinquent acts of their children varies enormously. To say parents cause delinquency is an inaccurate generalization. In some instances they do; in some they don't; in nearly all there are also many outside factors, recognized or unrecognized, that bear heavily on the situations. In instances where they are clearly to blame, it is never the simple willful act of relatively well-adjusted people. It is the act of sick persons, whose sickness is the result of social or psychological disturbance or breakdown.—MARTHA M ELIOT, U S Dep't of Health, Education & Welfare, addressing Nat'l Ass'n of Methodist Hospitals & Homes.

### *It's an* **IDEA**

At least one parent is doing something to correct the current cynical juvenile attitude toward policemen (the tv and comic book-bred idea that "cops exist only to be hornswoggled by bad guys till a *Private Eye* arrives with pert *Girl Friday* and Hollywood accent"). The countermeasure of this young mother, rep'ts *Esquire* editor Frederic Birmingham, was to collect all the neighborhood youngsters for a trip to the local police station.

"There they saw, first hand, handcuffs and real guns, heard stories of how robbers were caught in their home town, and—wonder of wonders—the young cop who showed them thru was no broken-down flatfoot but an ex-Marine, veteran of Guadalcanal, all 6' 4" of him, who handled guns like toys. Chief of police wound up the visit by returning kids to their homes in squad cars with sirens screaming. It was as simple as that. There were new heroes in town that night—in blue."

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#### JUVENILE DELINQUENCY—19

Youth is an age of imagination; its choices may be made on imitation; and nothing is so strong an incentive to do right or wrong as imitation of someone who captures the imagination of youth. Many a youth has been branded a delinquent whose career started in imitation of someone "accepted" in the community.—CHAS A Tonsor, "Youth and 'The Awful Power of Choice,'" *Clearing House*, 5-'55.

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## LEADERSHIP—20

Leadership is something of the heart and the head and not merely a matter of a fluent and wicked tongue. — Pres DWIGHT D EISENHOWER.

## LOYALTY—21

Necessary as it is to root out the disloyal (citizens), they will remain relatively few so long as thru successful practice of our own system we prove that citizens can find in it a greater freedom, justice, and equality of opportunity than in any other. There is your positive recipe for loyalty—and security. Lacking it, no am't of congressional investigation, no type of loyalty oath, no effort to regiment opinions, no suppression of unpopular views, no meaningless mouthing of patriotic slogans, no substitute for the voluntary affection and appreciation of our people for our gov't will provide internal security. — DONOVAN RICHARDSON, *Christian Science Monitor* chief editorial writer, in speech to Principia College Public Affairs Conf.

## MANNERS—22

No one but royalty receives any intensive training in how to accept compliments. The rest of us are left to stumble over our lines; we lack the wit to improvise suitable words and often simply look fatuous. This social grace . . . should be taught at the same time we learn to say please, thank you, or the multiplication table. — ERNESTA BARLOW, "How to Take Flattery," *Vogue*, 5-15-'55.

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## MARRIAGE—23

Every woman knows that a good wardrobe includes a basic black dress that can be changed to suit every mood and occasion with the use of proper accessories. In fact, accessories can improve anything basic, including marriage. A woman starts out with one good marriage which she can keep in its neutral state or doll up with frills and flowers to make it something special.—MURIEL NISSEN, *Bell Syndicate*.

## MODERN AGE—24

When the director of a local kindergarten made arrangements to take 125 of her tiny charges for a train ride she discovered that only 10% of them had ever been aboard a train, but 75% had flown. —*Indianapolis Star*.

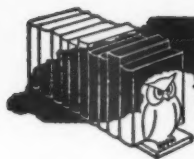
## PREACHERS—Preaching—25

A gentleman writes to complain: "Preachers are 50 yrs behind the times. They are still trying to force the same old hokum down the throats of the people."

He might just as well have said: "Preachers are 2,000 yrs behind the times." That's when what he calls "hokum" originated. It happens to be the gospel of the New Testament given to the world by Christ. No minister will cease preaching it, regardless of whom it keeps away from church.—MORGAN BLAKE, "Is the Gospel of Christ 'Hokum'?" *Atlanta Jnl*.

## PROBLEMS—Solution—26

Snow and adolescence are the only problems we can think of that disappear if you ignore them long enough.—*Trade-Aid Bulletin*, hm, Providence Jnl Bulletin.



## Book Briefs

What started as a bit of editorial whimsy on the part of *Christian Science Monitor* editors may involve them in a futuristic publishing venture. The *Monitor* has been printing "Excerpts from the Space Classics," showing what our childhood favorites might sound like, updated to the rocket age. Readers keep clamoring for copies of the imaginary quoted works—*Little Spacewomen*, *Around the Moon in 80 Min's*, *Spaceman Crusoe*, etc — despite the publication date of "2051, in N Y, London and Moonville."

The party line in Communist China now goes from left to right—in printing style, that is. The ancient custom of writing top to bottom (developed during a book-burning era when scholars wrote secret records in halved bamboo poles) was repudiated by Peking's *Kwoma Ming Daily News* in recent issue which printed characters across page, explaining, "Writing horizontally is conforming to the living habits of the Chinese people." Retraining of eye habits may make remedial reading a necessity in China too; watch for book titled *Why Yon Lee Can't Read*.

In case you've been wondering, lo, these 41 yrs, German and British historians now can tell you where to place blame for World War I. After a recent conference, they advised both nation's text-

Tired as we are of the King of the Wild Frontier, we admit to liking his comment about critics. In a preface to one of his accounts of his adventures, Davy Crockett shrugged, "They are a sort of vermin that I shan't even so much as stop to brush off. If they want to work on my book, just let them go ahead."

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book writers that neither economic rivalry nor political ambition was at fault—"fear of competing military establishments" touched off the conflict. We can hardly wait to find out what caused World War II!

This conspiracy against the status of the American father gets worse daily; the recent Father's Day promotion hoopla even implies doubts about Dad's interest in good literature. List of 20 gift books suggested by Nat'l Father's Day Committee contains only one book of modern fiction (*The Best of Science Fiction*, at that), and only 3 other works that can be classed as literature: the Bible, Will Durant's *Story of Philosophy*, and an anthology of light verse. Remaining books recommended were encyclopedias, an atlas, and "how-to" books.

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" For good or for evil . . . "

*The Atomic Age dawned at 5:30 a m 10 yrs ago (July 16, 1945) and its sun was the 1st atomic bomb explosion. The reaction of relief from an observer there contrasts horrifyingly with the feelings of a crew mbr from the Hiroshima bombing 3 wks later, on Aug 6th:*

**Maj Gen Thos F Farrell, 7-16-'45:**

Everyone sensed "This is it!" No matter what might happen now, all knew that the impossible scientific job had been done. Atomic fission would no longer be hidden in the cloisters of the theoretical physicists' dreams. It was almost full grown at birth. It was a great new force to be used for good or for evil. There was a feeling in that shelter that those concerned with its nativity should dedicate their lives to the mission that it would always be used for good, never for evil.

**Abe Spitzer, B-29 radioman, 8-6-'45:**

I felt that we were seeing a thing that man should never see, that was too big for the human mind really to understand, and that even in a war, even in a war in which the enemy in the Pacific had been the most sadistic, the most inhuman in history, we had unleashed a force too great to be understood and properly feared. That we had learned how to kill too many thousands too quickly.

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## PROGRESS—27

True education makes for inequality; the inequality of individuality; the inequality of success; the glorious inequality of talent, of genius; for inequality, not mediocrity, individual superiority, not standardization, is the measure of the progress of the world.—**FELIX E SCHELLING, Chicago Sunday Tribune Mag of Books.**

## RECREATION—28

The right kind of recreation is almost as essential to success as the right kind of education.—**B C FORBES, Forbes.**

## RELIGION—29

An English nobleman was approaching the altar rail to take communion. A farmer ahead of him stepped aside to let the nobleman go 1st, out of respect to his high position in life. The nobleman turned to the farmer and said, "That manner of thinking does not apply in here."

One of the chief advantages of worshiping with others in a church is that it constantly breaks down the barriers that separate men from one another. It is an eloquent witness to the high ideal of human equality and freedom. — **JOHN HEUSS, Our Christian Vocation (Seabury).**

## RUSSIA—Women—30

Of all women's "rights" written and unwritten in the Soviet "Constitution", only 2 actually exist for Soviet citizens. Those are the right to perform labor from which women of other nations have been protected by law for over a century, and the right to tears.—**N VIROV, Canadian Messenger of the Sacred Heart, Toronto.**

# Pathways to the Past



Week of  
July 10-16

## Nat'l Iced Tea Time (8-22)

**July 10**—65 yrs ago (1890) Wyoming became the 44th State in the Union, and the 1st with female suffrage (hence its "Equality State" nickname). . . Tennessee's notorious evolution imbroglio, the J T Scopes "monkey trial," began 30 yrs ago (1925) with criminal lawyer Clarence Darrow defending and emotional spellbinder Wm Jennings Bryan prosecuting the Dayton schoolteacher who taught evolution theories in defiance of state law. . . The 1st large-scale bombing of English cities signaled the beginning of the Battle of Britain 15 yrs ago (1940). . . And the 1st massed bombing attack (1,000 U S planes) on Japan 10 yrs ago (1945) opened the last phase of the Pacific conflict.

**July 11**—Benj Franklin handed out a wrist-slap 190 yrs ago (1765) to colonials griping about heavy taxation: "Idleness and pride tax heavier than Kings and Parliaments. If we can get rid of the former we may easily get rid of the latter." . . Virginia led the South in legislating for Negro education by authorizing the 1st state school for Negroes 85 yrs ago (1870), Snowden School at Alexandria.

**July 12**—*Orangemen's Day* (Irish Protestants celebrate anniv of one victorious battle for religious freedom). . . 225th anniv (1730) b of Josiah Wedgwood, a Staffordshire,

England, potter whose tableware became a world standard for excellence.

**July 13**—230 yrs ago (1725) Vitus Bering, a Russian-employed navigator, began the great voyages which gave his name to the Bering Sea and proved that a body of water, the Bering Strait, separates Asia and America.

**July 14**—*Ground Observer Corps Day*. . . *Bastille Day* (French Revolution holiday). . . The 1st affixable postage stamp, the N Y State Geo Washington issue, went on sale 110 yrs ago (1845) for a nickel; collectors pay \$5,000 for the same stamp today. . . The Soviet Union added 3 states to its roster 15 yrs ago (1940), annexing Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

**July 15** — *St Swithin's Day*. . . Georgia became the last Confederate state readmitted to Congress 85 yrs ago (1870).

**July 16**—Northern and Southern factions of Congress compromised on a Capital site 165 yrs ago (1790), agreeing to establish a city on the Potomac as the seat of gov't in 10 yr's time. . . Atomic power became a reality and world peace a necessity 10 yrs ago (1945) when U S scientists exploded the 1st atom bomb in the desert near Los Alamos, New Mexico.

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### St Weatherman

On July 15, England's traditional St Swithin's Day, the weather is believed to forecast what will follow for the next 40 days.

This belief arose from legends of a surprising change in weather that supposedly occurred in 865 shortly after St Swithin died. His brother monks proposed to move his body from the common cemetery (where he'd requested burial) to a tomb in the chancel indoors, as more fitting for a man elevated posthumously to Sainthood by the Pope.

Removal was set for July 15, and that's the day the downpour began. Finally, after the 40th rainy day, the monks interpreted the torrent as Swithin's disapproval, so the plan was abandoned—and the rain stopped.

This legend, true or not, is a favorite conversation piece for Britons, tho no more accurate than the Groundhog Day forecast, favorite U S weather superstition.—B L BUSCH. 31

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### SCANDAL—32

Scandal is like an egg. When it is hatched it has wings.—*Super-vision*.

### SELF-RESPECT—33

The human spirit can rise above almost any handicap except the destruction of self-respect. — Rev IRVING E HOWARD, *Christian Economics*.

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### STATISM—34

What concerns all of us is not which group of gov'ts shall govern most of the world, but how much each one of us must give our terrible god, the State, for being allowed to live. There are freedom-loving peoples, but no freedom-loving state. — H M TOMLINSON, British author.

### TACT—35

Tact is the great ability of seeing other people as they think you see them.—CARL ZUCKMAYER, German poet, *Weltbild*, Munich (QUOTE translation).

### TELEVISION—36

Television, the scorned stepchild of drama, may become the basic theater of our century. — PADDY CHAYEFSKY, TV playwright.

### THOUGHT—37

We can't always control what happens to us. But we can control what we think about what happens . . . and what we are thinking is our "life" at any particular moment. — NORMAN G SHIDLE, *Think*.

### TOLERANCE—Intolerance—38

Intolerance and racial and religious discrimination are not the by-products of any particular kind of working condition, wage classification or economic group. They are germs which do their damage in every type of human being, and they are just as contagious and indiscriminate as chickenpox, while having a mortality factor more closely resembling that of cancer and tuberculosis.—CHAS E WILSON, U S Sec'y of Defense.

### VIEWPOINT—39

By skillful photographic tricks a Hollywood studio can elongate an ordinary room into the misty vastness of a palace or, by placing the camera at the foot of a bldg, give the impression of dizzy height.

Likewise the deceitful heart can create its optical illusions. When we consider the rightness or wrongness of a proposition, we have a way of saying, "Well, it depends on how you look at it." And too often we have a way of looking at it so that we see what we want to see. We focus the camera of our conscience from our angle of self-interest and deceive ourselves, seeing situations not as they really are, but as we wish them to be.—Dr RALPH W SOCKMAN, *Arkansas Methodist*.

### WAR—Peace—40

When nations talk about reducing armies, every nation wants the last sword.—*In a Nutshell*.

### WORK—41

You can make life a bed of roses —if you put in a lifetime of spade-work.—*Automotive Dealer News*.

### YOUTH—Secret of—42

Maybe if we could always be beginning something we'd capture forever the breathless quality of youth, for children are always beginning. There is always the next thing to do, to see or to know. There are for them so many new things, so many 1st times, so much to explore and experience. . . Perhaps if we can learn to begin often enough, we can all grow up a little more, for no matter how old we are there is still so much to see.—Mrs JANE B CHENEY, *Hartford Courant*.

## In Brief

Soon those TV razor salesmen will be hard put to find a single peach to shave. Early peach harvests, hit by spring storms, are only 2% of normal. But supply of another summer favorite, tea, is at all-time world high (with price sinking). Last yr's high prices pushed production way up—good thing, too; restaurant records show Americans buying 250% more iced tea than 5 yrs ago. . .

Recent census in France showed 1,747,000 more women than men in that country where so many travel seeking romance — which may be why the city of Nice couldn't find a solitary bachelor on its municipal council to welcome 300 spinsters and bachelors to a "lonely hearts" congress. A Frenchman would have little chance to develop a "lonely heart" surrounded by more than a million and a half spare comforters. . .

British scientists, who must have been in the dark a long time on this project, report that one person in 20 produces blue electric sparks on kissing. At Nat'l Physical Research Lab, at Teddington, near London, an estimate of 500 volts per kiss was released. Spokesman made it clear, however, that kissing couples need not fear electric shocks. "There would be no energy," he said, "—well, no electric energy—behind the sparks generated."

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# Good Stories.....

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A gentleman from Connecticut has informed us that he recently rec'd a phone call from one of *Fortune's* lady researchers, who wanted to know something about a ball-bearing outfit in which he has an interest. It was rather early in the morning when the call came, and the gentleman suggested that he would like to phone back at noon. "And what time is noon at your place?" asked the lady researcher. "Twelve o'clock, for heaven's sake!" the gentleman said. "What time do you observe noon?"

"At *Fortune*," the lady researcher said briskly, "noon is now one o'clock."—*New Yorker*. a

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The boy and girl were out on the highway when the car broke down. He didn't seem to mind and wanted to make love. "My kisses will put new life in you," he urged.

"Then for goodness sake," the girl repl'd sweetly, "get out and kiss the car."—*Oral Hygiene*. b

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Overheard: 2 charladies discussing the picture on the back of the half-dollar. Asked the 1st, "Is that Miss Indiana?"

"I don't hardly think so," repl'd the other after a moment's thought. "That looks like wheat she's holding, and it had really ought to be corn for Indiana. Or hogs."

"I know!" said the 1st brightly. "It's Miss Universe!" c

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## I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

HOWIE LASSETER

We were looking at antiques in an out-of-the-way and not too promising shop. "This bed," the antique dealer confided, "actually belonged to my great-great-grandmother."

"Sure," said my unbelieving wife, "and no doubt one of the beds Washington slept in."

"Very likely, ma'am," repl'd the dealer, "though, of course, you'd never get Granny to admit that."

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We just heard a sad story about a well-known actress who suffered from an inferiority complex.

"I'm terrible!" she cried to her analyst. "I can't sing, I can't dance, I can't act, I have no personality. I don't belong in show business."

"Well, then, why don't you quit?" suggested the doctor.

"Quit?" cried the actress. "I'm a star!" — E E KENYON, *American Wkly*. d

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The group was discussing whether or not genius was inherited. The painter Whistler, also present, did not say a word.

"Why are you so quiet? What's your opinion?" someone asked him.

"Unfortunately I can't participate in this discussion—I have no children." — *Lies Mit! Cologne* (Quote translation). e

# Wise Cracks

The lady, altho by no means a sylph, prided herself upon the neatness of her well-rounded figure. One day when she appeared upon the hotel porch with a cluster of daisies pinned against her green linen frock, a gallant old gentleman complimented her: "Miss Robinson, those certainly are charming flowers!" Then with the profoundest of bows, he added: "They suit you precisely. You look like a Virginia hillside!"—Arkansas Baptist.

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Two business exec's were in the woods hunting for moose. "I'll sound my moose-call horn," one said confidently, and did so. "There! That'll bring 'em."

But no moose appeared—instead, dozens of mice came running. The exec who had sounded the horn stared, then uttered an imprecation. "That sec'y of mine!" he fumed. "I ordered a moose-call by mail—and she had to make a typographical error." — Wright Line, hm, Wright Line, Inc.

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Mrs Smith was growing tired of lending to the new neighbor, Mrs Jones. So when the small Jones girl rang the bell and said, "Mother wants to know if you can lend her 2 eggs and your ironing board," she ans'd impatiently, "Tell your mother I've got other fish to fry."

In a few min's the child was back. "Mother wants to know," she said, "if you'll lend her some fried fish."—FRANCES RODMAN.

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Men would be a lot better off if they'd quit trying to understand women and just enjoy having them around. — Doylestown (Pa) Intelligencer.

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The trouble with our high standard of living is that it keeps us broke to maintain it; these days, a family is said to be living within its means if it doesn't have to borrow money to pay income taxes.—SYDNEY J HARRIS, Chicago News.

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Bread is said to be the staff of life, altho a lot of people get by on crust.—RAY FREEDMAN.

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What with more and more of the ladies taking up golf, maybe we shouldn't underestimate the par of a woman.—Wall St Jnl.

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Most of us can make ends meet —what we're trying to do is get them to overlap a little bit.—CEDRIC ADAMS, Minneapolis Tribune.

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Lawyer: He who is summoned when a felon needs a friend.—Changing Times.

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The best equipment Ike could have for the Big 4 meeting would be a pocket-size lie detector.—DAN KIDNEY, Scripps-Howard Newspapers.

.....Quote.....

British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden's flair for languages stood him in good stead when he was For'gn Sec'y.

When he was very young his mother took him travelling abroad. Studying languages was not the happiest part of these holidays, but the young Anthony did so for several hrs every day.

On their return, he was taken by his mother to the Eden ancestral mansion, Windlestone Hall in Durham. As they alighted on the village station platform, the ry porter greeted the lad's mother in broad Durham dialect and she introduced him to her son. He protested, "Oh, Mummy! Not another for'gn language, please!"—*Tit-Bits*, London. I

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An officer of the Chinese Red Army (People's Volunteers) delivered 50 men to a N Korean Command Post with this note: "Here are 50 wildy enthusiastic fighters for peace for your command. Please return the ropes."—PAUL STEINER, *American Mercury*. J

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The worried mother waited until after her child's violin lesson and approached the boy's teacher.

"Prof, how is Willie making out in his lessons?"

"Fine, fine!" boomed the teacher. "His progress on the violin is very good. He's playing some very nice tunes now."

"Oh," beamed the mother, "do you really think so? His father and I were afraid we were merely getting used to it!" — *United Mine Workers Jnl*. k

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Postal card rec'd by a young lady from her vacationing swain: "The scenery is here, wish you were beautiful."—*Today's Health*. I

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Out West, where men are men and even a bum steer can be money in the bank in a good yr, 2 cowpunchers in from the hills were chewing the fat over their beers at the Last Chance Cafe. Behind them on the brand new black-top highway an occasional touring car or truck sped by the lone store-and-postoffice of the isolated trading center.

"You hear Leo's dead?" asked one of the 'pokes after a long silence.

His companion set down his glass and gazed reflectively at the bear-skin trophy affixed to the wall behind the bar. "Do tell!" he said finally. "What happened? Car git 'im?"—ELIZABETH RIGBY. m

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A South American was describing his country to an American woman.

"Our most popular sport is bull-fighting," he told her.

"Is'tn it revolting?" she asked.

"No," smiled the man. "That's the 2nd most popular sport."—*Wall St Jnl*. n

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Billy had been in the habit of receiving a dime each Sunday morning for Sunday School. One Sunday his mother found herself without the usual dime, so she handed him a quarter. Billy looked up in surprise and said, "Mommy, has Sunday School gone up too?" —GLADYS BOBLITT, *Louisville Courier-Jnl Mag*. o

When school was out the youngest in the class went up to the teacher. "What would you like?" asked the latter.

"I'd like to know what we learned in school today."

"That's an odd question. Why do you want to know that?"

"They always ask me that when I get home, and today I wouldn't know how to answer."—*Frankfurter Illustrierte*, Germany (Quote translation). P



#### Drill Master

According to the American Dental Association, dental drills going at the rate of 800 mi's per hour decrease the time of cavity preparation, shorten the duration of pain, and leave a good impression on the patient.—News item.

Eight hundred per  
Makes quite a stir  
Within a fellow's feedway,  
Like rocket ships  
On zooming trips  
Or cars upon a speedway.

Such high speed drills  
Give me the chills,  
Though doubtless there's no danger.

I know, you see,  
My dentist, he  
Won't treat me like a stranger.

The dentist will  
Be through with drill  
And burr quite soon, I see.  
My one appeal:  
I hope that he'll  
Be through his work, not me.

A bachelor left in charge of his infant niece was faced with a crisis. He frantically called a young acquaintance, a parent, who solved the problem in this man-to-man fashion.

"First, place the diaper in position of a baseball diamond with you at bat. Fold second base over home plate. Place baby on pitcher's mound. Then pin first and third to home plate."—*Machinist*. q

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As Aage Bingstrang of Copenhagen was walking into his office he suddenly remembered that he had neglected to kiss his wife goodbye that morning. Immediately he rushed back to his car and raced home. On the way he collided with a taxi, as a result of which both he and the occupant of the taxi had to go to the hospital. Turned out that it was none other than his wife who was on the way to ask her husband why he hadn't kissed her that morning. — *Weltbild*, Munich (Quote translation). r

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During the war, the British Parliament was discussing the system of cheap form telegrams for their armed forces all over the world, and Sir Ian Fraser suggested that the phrase "I am going to have a baby" be included in the list.

"This statement should be added," he explained, "because there are so many happy young women who would want it."

"For the very same reason," said Captain Edward Cobb, "will you also add the message 'I am *not* going to have a baby!'" — DAN BENNETT. ■

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## Quote-ettes

Oklahoma City police radio dispatcher, complaining about new cars' gaudy color schemes: "A broadcast bulletin for a stolen car sounds like a loud speaker at a style show." 1-Q-t

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Omaha grandmother, asked what she wanted for her birthday: "A pin cushion—and a Geiger counter. I think I'd like to do a little prospecting on my vacation." 2-Q-t

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EDDIE PETYAK, teenage essay contest winner, asked by Pres Eisenhower where \$1000 prize was going: "I'm going to pay taxes!" 3-Q-t

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SECOND CLASS MATTER

## News of the **NEW**

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"Who in his right mind would steal a car equipped with a tail light that starts blinking the word **STOLEN** in 3-inch red letters as soon as a thief pulls away from the curb? Take it from a guy who has stolen 300 or 400 cars himself, very few people would." So says Willard F Kelley, ex-convict about to embark on a business venture. Kelley has invented the "Snitchlite," which he says could reduce auto-theft rate by 75 per cent. And law enforcement agencies are impressed.

"Snitchlite" can't be smashed or disconnected by thief. A device called a mercury switch, installed

somewhere in the tail light wiring makes or breaks the circuit by the perambulation of a ball of mercury across 2 electrical "posts" attached to plastic housing. If a thief starts car by "bridging" around ignition and drives away, car's motion rocks mercury ball back and forth across contacts, and "Snitchlite" broadcasts to the world what's happening. It flashes the word "Stolen" on and off. If a thief, trying to disconnect the thing, cut wrong wire, he would be just as conspicuous by driving a car minus any tail light. "Snitchlite" is not yet on mkt, but we predict it will make a big hit.

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